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SUBJECT: CHAD AIRLIFT

REF: NDJAMENA 2034

1. FOLLOWING REVIEW

REFTEL, AID/W HAS CONCLUDED AIRLIFT OPERATION TO SUPPORT CRITICAL INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION NEEDS IN CHAD IS IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT AND MUST BE MET IRRESPECTIVE OF OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

2. REQUEST AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA ADVISE GOC THAT USG PREPARED IMMEDIATELY SUPPORT REMOTE AREA DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS WITH US A/C AS POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUCH OTHER DONOR AIRLIFT SUPPORT AS MAY BE FORTHCOMING.

3. BY SEPTTEL, WE ARE REQUESTING US REDCOM, WHICH WILL HAVE OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR USG LIFT OPERATION, TO MAKE IMMEDIATE ON-SITE ASSESSMENT OF FACILITIES, LIFT REQUIREMENTS, OPERATIONAL EXIGENCIES. FOR INTERIM PLANNING PURPOSES, AID/W ASSUMING LIFT BASED/QUARTERED NDJAMENA WITH BULK OF ACTUAL LIFT INVOLVING EVACUATION OF STOCKS AT MAIDUGRI DIRECT TO REMOTE AREA AND DAILY USE MAIDUGURI FIELD FOR PERIOD 30-45 DAYS BEGINNING LATE AUGUST.

4. AID/W HAS NO CURRENT DATA ON GOC PERCEPTION OF LIFT REQUIREMENT EITHER BY TOTAL OR DELIVERY LOCATION. REQUEST AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA ADVISE: (A) PRESENT GOC VIEW OF REQUIREMENT BY LOCATION/TOTAL QUANTITY; EXPECTED U.S. ROLE; (B) YOUR EVALUATION OF THAT REQUIREMENT AND RECOMMENDATION RELATIVE TO U.S. PARTICIPATION; AND (C) CONFIRMATION GOC ACCEPTABILITY REDCOM ASSESSMENT AND ASSUMPTIONS PARA 3, ABOVE.

5. FOR LAGOS: PER PARA 3, ABOVE, USE OF MAIDUGURI FOR U.S. AIRLIFT OPERATIONS WILL INVOLVE NOT ONLY APPROVAL/CLEARANCE BY NIGERIA FOR PERIOD OF 30-45 DAYS PROBABLY BEGINNING IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 20-25 AUGUST, BUT WILL ALSO PROBABLY REQUIRE SUPPLEMENTAL FUEL OPERATIONS (I.E. 55 THOUSAND GALLON TANKER ON HAND WITH JA-1, OR SIMILAR REQUIREMENT); SPECIFIC TOWER/RUNWAY/LIGHT CONTROL AUGMENTATION AND SPECIAL LABOR/TRUCKING OPERATION TO MOVE STOCKS FROM RAILHEAD TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIELD AND LOAD A/C. WHILE REDCOM WILL MAKE DEFINITIVE ASSESSMENT ACTUAL AIR OPS REQUIREMENTS REQUEST LAGOS COMMENT WITH REGARD GON ACCEPTABILITY REDCOM ASSESSMENT NIGERIA, USE OF MAIDUGURI FIELD, AUGMENTATION AND LABOR/LOADING OPERATION.

6. FOR ROME/OSRO: WOULD APPRECIATE FAO/OSRO VIEWS CHAD AIRLIFT REQUIREMENT AND STATUS PRESENT OSRO AIRLIFT PLANNING AND OTHER DONOR PARTICIPATION. ADVISE.

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